

Mayor and City Council's Mission

It is the mission of the City of Scottsdale to build citizen trust by fostering/practicing open, accountable, and responsive government; to provide quality services; to provide long-term prosperity; to preserve Scottsdale's unique southwestern character; to plan and manage growth in harmony with its desert surroundings; and to promote livability by enhancing and protecting its neighborhoods. Quality of life for residents and visitors shall be the paramount consideration.



Mary Manross, Mayor

Mary Manross was elected Mayor of Scottsdale in May 2000 after eight years as a councilwoman. Mayor Manross is a member of the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee, the primary group responsible for the NLC's National policy on transportation. Mayor Manross also chairs Valley Metro, serves as President of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), is on the Executive Committee of Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), is an executive board member of The League of Arizona Cities and Towns and active with the Arizona Town Hall and Arizona Women in Municipal Government. Prior to her time in elected office, Mayor Manross held positions of leadership in community, education and church organizations. A thirty-year resident of Scottsdale, Mayor Manross holds a bachelor degree in Political Science and a secondary teaching credential.

Mayor and City Council's Broad Goals

Goal A: Neighborhoods

Enhance and protect a diverse, family-oriented community where neighborhoods are safe, protected from adverse impacts, and well maintained.

Goal B: Preservation

Preserve the character and environment of Scottsdale.

Goal C: Transportation

Provide for the safe, efficient and affordable movement of people and goods.

Goal D: Economy

Position Scottsdale for short- and long-term economic prosperity by stabilizing, promoting, strengthening, stimulating, expanding and diversifying our economic resources.

Goal E: Fiscal and Resource Management

Ensure Scottsdale is fiscally responsible and fair in its management of taxpayer money and city assets, and coordinates land use and infrastructure planning within the context of financial demands and available resources.

Goal F: Open and Responsive Government

Make government accessible, responsive and accountable so that pragmatic decisions reflect community input and expectations.



Vice Mayor Ned O'Hearn

Councilman Ned O'Hearn was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in May 2000.

Councilman O'Hearn is Executive Vice President of ONCOR International - an international service organization based in Washington, D.C., that is comprised of and owned by 54 independent commercial real estate brokerage companies around the world. He is a facilitator, trainer and coordinator of business activities. With a master's degree in city planning from San Diego State University, Councilman

O'Hearn holds a particular interest in the ways cities prepare for and respond to demographic and economic change. Councilman O'Hearn was born in Massachusetts and received his bachelor's degree in English from The College of The Holy Cross. He served as an officer in the Navy with Vietnam service.



Councilman Wayne Ecton

Councilman Wayne Ecton was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in March 2002. He previously served on the 2001/2002 Citizens Budget Committee and the Big Box Ideas Team, which helped the city develop an ordinance to regulate the placement and appearance of "big box" retail buildings. A Scottsdale resident since 1996, Councilman Ecton is a member of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak, the Greater Pinnacle Peak

Homeowners Association, Friends of the McDowell Land Trust and the Foothills Community Foundation. He also is a member of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass, the American Craft Council and the Glass Art Society. Councilman Ecton retired from Alcoa after 33 years in high-level financial management positions in the U.S. corporate headquarters and International and U. S. operating locations. Councilman Ecton holds a bachelor's degree in business. He was also a member of the Financial Executives Institute until his retirement.



Councilman Robert W. Littlefield

Councilman Robert W. Littlefield was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in May 2002. He is the founder and president of NetXpert Systems, Inc., a Scottsdale-based computer company. He also is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. Councilman Littlefield has been involved in a variety of civic, youth and professional organizations. He is a member and former director of the Arizona Software & Internet Association, the Arizona Pilot's Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Federation of

Independent Business, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Civitan. A Vietnam combat veteran, Councilman Littlefield served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and in the Arizona Army National Guard from 1971 to 1974. Councilman Littlefield holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arizona State University.



Councilwoman Cynthia Lukas

Councilwoman Cynthia Lukas was elected to her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in March 1998. She teaches English at Paradise Valley Community College. Currently, she represents Scottsdale on the Energy, Environment and Natural

Resources Policy Committee of the National League of Cities and the Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments. A graduate of the Scottsdale Leadership program and the Citizen's Police Academy, Councilwoman Lukas has served the community as chairwoman of the Historic Resources Preservation Task Force, a member of the Charter Review Advisory Commission, a member of the CityShape 2020 Steering Committee reviewing Scottsdale's General Plan, and a member of the "Save Our McDowells" campaign steering committees to secure funding for acquisition of lands in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Councilwoman Lukas graduated with a B.A. Magna Cum Laude in English, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Arkansas, then an M.A. in Communications from Fairfield University in Connecticut



Councilman David Ortega

Councilman David Ortega was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in May 2000. Councilman Ortega graduated with a degree in Architecture from the University of Arizona, with additional studies at La Salle Arquitectura in Mexico City, Mexico. In 1978, he interned

with Bennie Gonzales, the award-winning architect who designed Scottsdale City Hall, the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, and the original Civic Center Library. Mr. Ortega opened his own architectural firm in downtown Scottsdale in 1984. His professional work includes a wide variety of residential and commercial projects in Arizona and California. In addition, he has completed a number of *pro bono* projects, including the Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence and the Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church. Councilman Ortega has been an active member of the American Institute of Architects since 1984. In addition to his professional work, Councilman Ortega has been very active in community civic, educational, and charitable organizations since becoming a Scottsdale resident in 1979.



Councilman Tom Silverman

Councilman Tom Silverman was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in March 2000. A resident since 1953, Councilman Silverman's civic involvement includes terms as president of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce and the

Scottsdale Foundation for the Handicapped. He has served on the board of directors of the Scottsdale Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in addition to the advisory boards of the Scottsdale Historical Society, Scottsdale Leadership and the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust. Councilman Silverman is a Scottsdale Charros life member. He was chairman of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council for the Arizona Office of Tourism and served on the Scottsdale Hospitality Commission. Councilman Silverman is the co-owner and general manager of Scottsdale's Chaparral Suites Hotel. He is a graduate of Scottsdale High School, Arizona State University and the first Scottsdale Leadership class. In 1991, he received the Frank W. Hodges Alumni Achievement Award from Scottsdale Leadership and also was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Scottsdale Association of Realtors.